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WATERS.Our New Factory has been recently fitted
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utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the
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PURE AERATED WATER.

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No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or
greasy, or that appear to have been used for any
other purpose than that of containing Aerated
Waters, as such Bottles are never used again
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The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong;
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The Canton Dispensary, Canton;

The Dispensary, Foochow.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Hankow.

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Hongkong, 18th June, 1894.

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HONGKONG, JUNE 22ND, 1894.

A good deal has of late been said, and
written with respect to the principles upon
which the government of this British colony
should be conducted. The incident that has
given rise to the discussion is the permission
accorded to the Chinese to establisha branch of the Tung Wah Hospital for
the treatment of plague patients. This has
been construed into an act of weakness, a
discreditable yielding to native sentiment.For our own part, we have been unable to see
anything weak in it. England has had long
experience in the government of native races
and the success she has achieved, as exemplified
in India, for instance, is largely due to her policy
of non-interference with native customs so long as those customs do not
constitute a danger to the Empire or outrage
humanity. The burning of widows and the self-immolation of fanatics under the
wheels of juggernauts have been abolished, but
there has been no interference with the ordinary
domestic customs of the people nor any
attempt to compel by force the adoption
of European manners and customs. In
Hongkong native customs are not so explicitly
recognised by our courts of law as they
are in India, but consideration is given to them
by the Government in administrative
matters, and rightly so, for in Her Majesty's
proclamation on the taking possession of the
island the natives were assured "in the free
exercise of their religious rites, ceremonies,
and social customs." This promise has
been quoted on various occasions in opposition
to new departures on the part of the
Government, and taking it literally it might
be impossible for the Government to accept any such strained interpretation
as that. What, then, is the proper way to be
taken? Simplicity! Simplicity is the government
of the colony regard shall be paid to native
customs so long as they are compatible with
the general well-being of the colony, and
that they shall not be trampled on ruthlessly
and needlessly. No one would dream,
for instance, of forcibly closing the joss-houses,
however absurd the "joss-piggin," may be considered, but it has not been
thought wrong to prohibit noisy demonstrations
during the night which interfere with
the repose of the community at large.The point that has arisen in the present
crisis is not to the right of the Government to
compel the Chinese against their will to submit
to treatment by European doctors.Every year there are over five thousand
deaths in the colony in which the deceased
had no other medical attendance than
that of the ignorant native practitioners.During the present crisis we have had some
two thousand deaths crowded into the space
of six weeks. Even in the foreign hospitals
the mortality has reached nearly forty per
cent. What it has been in the Chinese
hospital it is difficult to say, the calculation
being complicated by the removal of a
number of the patients to Canton, but from
the very high rate of mortality in the foreign
hospitals it would seem that a person attacked
by plague had under any circumstances a
very slender chance of life. By many persons,
however, it has been considered a grave mistake to allow the Chinese to have
anything to do with the treatment of the
sick. But if it be a mistake in the present
crisis not to have insisted on foreign medical
attendance for all, it must be considered

equally a mistake in normal times, in respect to the five thousand deaths occurring amongst the natives every year. It was necessary to insist upon isolation, which was done, but having secured so much would the Government have been justified in further interfering in the extent of compelling all sufferers from the plague to submit, whether they wished it or not, to foreign medical treatment? We contend not. Interference to the extent of compelling the observance of cleanliness and the provision of proper attention for the patients was an imperative duty, and unfortunately the Government failed in that duty, allowing a state of affairs to come into existence which was as much a disgrace to the Government itself as it was to the Tung Wah authorities. When the scandal became notorious measures were taken to stop it, and there has since been a great improvement in the condition of the Chinese hospital, though it is still far from satisfactory. Nevertheless, if the Chinese prefer to go there the Government would not be justified in compelling them to go elsewhere. So long as danger to the public is removed by the isolation of the sick it is only right, under the existing conditions of the colony, that it should be left to the patients themselves and their friends to say whether they will be isolated in a native or a foreign hospital. If practitioners according to the Chinese system of medicine are allowed in the colony at all, a sufferer from plague may as reasonably be allowed to avail himself of their services as a sufferer from any other disease, isolation being duly provided.

We look forward, however, to a time when the general intelligence of the native community will be so far advanced that it may be possible to prohibit medical charlatans and insist upon a certificate by a duly qualified medical man in every case of death. It would be impossible to provide foreign doctors in sufficient number for this purpose, for the poorer classes of the Chinese would be totally unable to pay the fees and this Government could hardly be expected to supply medical attendance gratis; such an additional burden on the rates would naturally be resisted by the general body of ratepayers. But the Hongkong College of Medicine is now turning out native practitioners thoroughly trained in foreign medical science, and at comparatively small expense that institution could be greatly extended. Either it has not received much encouragement from the Government. It is only a few years ago that it was gravely proposed to legislate against its graduates and render it illegal for them to practice their profession in this colony, while freely allowing uneducated charlatans to prey on the sick. The present Acting Attorney-General held the same office at that time that he does now and the circumstances will doubtless be fresh in his recollection. After much argument the Government was induced to modify its proposed legislation so far as not to place graduates of the College of Medicine in a worse position than any native quack who chose to set up in business.

The time has now arrived when the Government must take another forward step and endeavour to promote the practice of European medicine amongst the Chinese population and to secure a more accurate registration of the causes of death by employing Chinese educated at the College of Medicine or at foreign hospitals as district medical officers. This is not a new proposal, but it has hitherto been looked on coldly by the Government and no action has been taken in the matter. After the experience of the past few weeks, however, the idea will necessarily present itself in a different light to the powers that be, and the expediency of taking measures to extend the practice of European medicine amongst the native community cannot fail to be recognised.

It is not by driving patients into foreign hospitals at the point of the bayonet in a time of crisis that the immortal traditions of the Chinese can be broken down; such measures as that would simply frighten the population away, which is not what is desired; but by continuous gentle persuasion the native community will in course of time be led to look upon foreign medicine in a different light to the powers that be, and the expediency of taking measures to extend the practice of European medicine amongst the Chinese population and to secure a more accurate registration of the causes of death by employing Chinese educated at the College of Medicine or at foreign hospitals as district medical officers. This is not a new proposal, but it has hitherto been looked on coldly by the Government and no action has been taken in the matter. After the experience of the past few weeks, however, the idea will necessarily present itself in a different light to the powers that be, and the expediency of taking measures to extend the practice of European medicine amongst the native community cannot fail to be recognised.

The Acting Director of Public Works will now return for the twenty-four hours up to noon yesterday—

EARTHQUAKE AT YOKOHAMA.

Telegraphic intelligence has been received of a severe earthquake at Yokohama, which has done considerable damage to the foreign houses on the Bluff, the residence of the Managers of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, being amongst those injured. In the business part of the city the damage does not appear to have been so great. No information has been received of any personal injuries being sustained.

On inquiry at the Japanese Consulate, we learnt that no information had been received there in respect of the earthquake, from which it is to be presumed that the shock was local and that there was no widespread damage.

The D. R. steamer *Armenia*, of Bengal, 1890, for this port yesterday, may be expected to arrive in about two weeks.

At the kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Farquhar and others, the Band of the Hongkong Regt. will play the following programme in the Public Hall, at 8 p.m.:—

March, "Patriot"; Fanfare, "Te Deum"; Overture, "Utopia, Limited"; King's March; Selection, "Whistler on Baileys"; Grand March, "The Queen's Own Royal West Lancashire Regiment"; Godfrey Polka, "Bon Jour"; Boosey Andrew.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

SUPPLIED BY THE "DAILY PRESS".

THE CONGO TREATY.

The French press has heralded its tone towards Great Britain. Amicable negotiations are in progress between Brussels, London, Paris, Berlin relative to the Treaty. Great Britain and Belgium are desirous of consolidating the other powers.

FROM TONKIN PAPER.]

DAHOMEY.

PARIS, 10th June.

Dahomey is now pacified.

THE JOAN OF ARC FESTIVAL.

PARIS, 10th June.

The Senate has voted the annual 25s in honour of Joan of Arc.

THE CONGO QUESTION.

PARIS, 10th June.

The Chamber has voted without discussion a credit of 1,000,000 francs for the reinforcement of the posts on the Congo.

The Russian press approves the vote.

PARIS, 10th June.

M. Haussman and the Marquis de Dutrix are discussing the Congo Convention.

CORNELIUS HERZ.

PARIS, 10th June.

Cornelius Herz will be sentenced in France by default.

THE PLAGUE.

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Departures.

Arrivals within the waters of the colony ... 17,001 ... 17,778

Leaving outside the waters of the colony ... 9,172 ... 11,923

Junks within the waters of the colony ... 650 ... 471

Junks outside the waters of the colony ... 8,296 ... 11,922

Bins ... 52,001 ... 55,231

Ocean-going steamers ... 15,497 ... 15,223

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"AGLAIA,"
Captain G. Petersen, having arrived from the above ports, Companys' Bills of Lading are issued to send their Bills of Lading for consignments by the Underwriters and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Any cargo impeding his discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and forwarded to the Consignees.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd instant will be subject to rot.

All broken, obsolet, and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd instant, or they will be returned.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1894. 1209

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"RAVENNA,"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO, AND STRAITS.

Consignees of cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, where no claim will be admitted after the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on cargo—

From London, &c., ex. *Ferminator* and *Brindisi*.

From Australia, &c., ex. *Orpheus*.

From Calcutta, &c., ex. *Parkur*.

From Persian Gulf, &c., ex. *Azura*.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 12 M. T. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rot.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the godowns and notice of same given to the underwriters, when a representative of this office will attend to examine them at 10 A.M. on the 23rd inst., and at 10 A.M. on the 26th inst., after which no claims will be recognized.

H. H. JOSEPH,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1894. 1210

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"CANTON,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, BOMBAY, AND STRAITS.

Consignees of cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where no claim will be admitted after the goods are landed.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rot.

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"GLEN LINE" OF STEAM PACKETS
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, AND STRAITS.

The steamship "GLEN" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Delivery may be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and no claims must be sent to the Office of the Underwriters before noon on the 24th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, faded, and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd inst.

No fire insurance has been effected, and any freight will be subject to rent.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before noon on the 24th instant.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents.

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